GUIDE TO THE FF38 KATAB FILE

[This file consists of four sources, all of which are in English, and which comprise almost all the extant material on the Katab group of tribes. The major sources are 1: Meek and 2: Gunn. 1: Meek is a selection from a longer work on tribal studies in northern Nigeria which has separate chapters on each of the groups, but does not describe them in any consistent manner. 2: Gunn is an ethnographic summary of the Katab tribes which analyzes and evaluates the various materials available. 3: Temple is a compilation of data on the Katab by various political officers. 4: Cole is a report on land tenure in a few sections of the Katab.

The material in this file is very scattered and of mixed value. The only areas of interest in which the material is at all adequate are social organization, land tenure, population statistics, and some areas of material culture. This situation is primarily due to a lack of systematic field research among this group of tribes. Within these particular areas, however, the file is adequate for its purpose. -- Analyst]

Processed in 1960